

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please **amend** the paragraph bridging lines 12–17 on page 6 in the following manner:

Ribosomal protein sequences are highly conserved between the various parasites. Therefore, DNA probes of the ribosomal sequences provided below can be used for the detection of the analogous ribosomal proteins in each of the parasites of the phylum Apicomplexa and the family of Trypanosomatidae. **~~Additionally, the sequences of many ribosomal protein genes for many different parasites can be found in the NCBI protein database~~** (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>).